



**APPLICATION FOR 2009 CWI GRANT:  
SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT  
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: [Aeizinger@isda.in.gov](mailto:Aeizinger@isda.in.gov)

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<b>Name of District Chairperson:</b>	Harold Routson
<b>Project Title</b>	"Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation"
<b>Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice</b>	Soil Conservation

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The Wayne County SWCD proposes to hold an educational field day to promote soil conservation, along with offering cover crop seed, soil testing, and planter conversion incentives to members within the Amish Community in our county. Typical tillage practices used by area Amish are predominantly conventional, with the moldboard plow a common piece of tillage equipment. With soil tillage being the major cause of soil erosion, the Wayne County SWCD understands the detrimental effects, and our goal is to better educate the Amish producer so that they may make informed decisions on the betterment of their lands. In no way is the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District proposing to interfere with the religious beliefs of the Amish, our goal is to establish a working conservation relationship with them.

The first step in this process is by way of outreach and education. We plan to host a Amish Field Day during the summer-fall of 2009. The SWCD proposes the rental of vans to transport the Amish to the field day, ensuring Amish producers have no transportation issues. During the Field Day the advantages and benefits of soil testing, no-till planting and the use of cover crops will be emphasized, along with other conservation topics. This Field Day will be advertised through news releases, newsletters, and flyers placed in strategic locations, along with personal visits to Amish farms by SWCD personnel and board members.

Planned cover crop seeds to be purchased from Byron Seeds at a discounted rate include Tillage Radishes, Cereal Rye and Hairy Vetch. Amish producers shall sign a contract stating upon receipt of cover crop seed, they shall agree to apply the same amount of seed at their own cost one out of the next two following years. Soil testing probes shall be purchased and loaned out to Amish producers (and any other landowner needing to pull samples), testing bags shall be purchased and Amish soil samples sent to A&L Great Lakes Lab for analysis. Cost share assistance shall be made available for the duration of the grant. Planter modifications shall include a fixed dollar amount available to the Amish producer for the purchase of Seed Firmers, Row Cleaners and Closing Wheels. These planter modifications shall be made within one year of signing the agreement and receiving the cost share funds.

It is the express hope of the Wayne County SWCD to bring about a solid working relationship with the Amish in our county. Outreach has begun, and Amish producers who have been contacted are receptive to the SWCD's offer of conservation assistance and seem eager for any help available.

How does this project tie into and advance your Districts business plan? (50 words or less)

Outreach to the Amish Community, included within our business plan, needs to be accomplished by 2011. Included under Water Quality, Flooding Issues and Wetlands, our goal is to "Seek opportunities and ways to educate the local Amish Community about conservation practices and have them implement Best Management Practices".

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Purdue Extension	In-Kind		
Byron Seeds LLC	In-Kind		
Whitewater River Initiative Project	In-Kind		
Esch Ag	In-Kind		
Locust Grove Ag	In-Kind		
			<b>Total</b>
			0

<b>CIT Region</b>	SE
<b>14-digit HUC Code(s)</b>	Multiple: 05080003010110, 05080003030020, 05080003010030
<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	\$10,000.00
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Expense Item(s)</b>	<b>In-Kind Match</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$1,200
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	\$300
<b>Travel</b>	\$1,000
<b>Equipment (Itemize Below)</b>	
Portable PA System	\$570
Port-A-Pot Rental	\$100
AMS Soil Probes	\$300
<b>Supplies (Itemize Below)</b>	
Paper	\$44
Postage	\$84
Grazing Sticks (100 sticks)	\$445
<b>Other (Itemize Below)</b>	
Van rentals	\$600
Purchase of cover crops seeds	\$1,357
Planter modifications to no-till	\$4,000
Soil Testing Samples	\$2,500

<b>Total CWI Funds Requested</b>	10000
<b>Total SWCD In-Kind Match</b>	2500
<b>Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:77)</b>	0
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	12500

